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I understand the need for tolls and while I am not happy about it, it is probably necessary for the state to generate revenue. However, tolls should apply throughout the state and not just on the shoreline. If they are going to go on I-95, then they should also go on I-91 and I-84.

The real issue is the reason we need tolls in the first place and that is because no one in the state legislature is doing anything to bring business and jobs into the state. Business are fleeing the state because it is such a poor economic climate. That means we end up having to tax the people who are here even more. The way to generate revenue is by having a lot of tax payers each paying a small amount of money. When you get to the point of less tax payers each paying a lot – like we're in now – it creates a cycle where people leave and you have to keep charging more from those who are left, which encourages more people to leave. That is the cycle we're in and it has to be broken.

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